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WORKING RULES FOR CHINESE COMMUNIST POLITICAL DIRECTORS

1. In order to facilitate the political work in the company, a political director will be named for the company.
2. The political director of the company is the director of all political activities of the company. His duties are as follows:
 - a. The political director will plan his daily work in accordance with instructions from above and special conditions of the company. He will use all available methods to elevate the fighting spirit of the troops.
 - b. He will direct the political education, cultural education and other activities pertaining to education of the troops.
 - c. He will be responsible to see that the troops of the company apply their political knowledge to military affairs and that the troops accomplish their work.
 - d. He will assist the military director of the company in keeping discipline in the company.
3. The political director of the company will obey orders from his immediate superior, the political committee and other political organizations. He will assist the company commander in military plans.
4. The political director must maintain close liaison with the company commander and help to elevate the fighting spirit of the troops. All matters pertaining to military, administrative and military orders will be handled by the company commander. All matters pertaining to political activities will be handled by the political director. If there is conflict of command, a higher authority will decide the issue.
5. When the political director receives orders from the political committee or

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the political organization, to take over the duties of a political commissioner temporarily, his authority will be similar to that of a commissioner.

6. The political director must be a progressive Chinese Communist party member. He must realize the policies and strategies of the party during the various stages, and must understand the organization, objectives and duties of the army. He must carry out the decisions of the party and must stabilize the party's leadership of all workers. He must have a fair military knowledge and must continue to study military matters.
7. The political director must be a model example to all the troops in carrying out his duties and in his personal life. He must show these qualities in his words and deeds.
8. The political director must rely mainly upon his contacts with the people and his knowledge of the morale of the troops to carry out his work. Therefore, the political director must know the names, addresses, professions, personal histories, capabilities and political knowledge of the troops.
9. The political director must understand the orders from the battalion and letters to the battalion from the company. He must have a fair knowledge of the living conditions of the troops.
10. The political director will assist in directing the work of the activities of the Communist party branch in the company.
11. The political director, following orders of his superior political organization, will direct the political and cultural education of the troops.
12. The political director will direct the recreational activities of the company. He will also direct the intelligence activities of the company.
13. The political director will direct special educational programs for the youths of the company and will direct the work of the youth unit.
14. The political director will direct the troops to participate in working with local civilians. He will instruct the troops to propagandize, and urge and help the civilians to establish their own armed organizations, to fight against the puppet government and assist the democratic government which is resisting the Japanese.
15. The political director will lead all the troops of the company in the fight to reduce the desertion rate of the troops.
16. The political director will prevent enemy agents from gaining admission to the company. He will direct and instruct all troops of the company in the fight against enemy agents.
17. The political director, in political affairs, has the same authority as the company commander (as regards to punishment and rewards).
18. The political director may accept ideas or request letters from the troops and take action in accordance with the rules and regulations, or he may submit such letters or ideas to the proper authorities or organizations for action.
19. The political director will assist the company commander in training and managing the affairs of the troops so that the troops will be well-trained in military tactics and possess good political training.
20. The political director will find ways and means to reduce the immoral activities of troops of the company (such as drinking, gambling, smoking of opium and stealing).

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21. The political director will not stand inspection, and will not do any manual tasks generally assigned to troops. He will review the company with the company commander when the company is on parade.
22. The political director will report orally and by letters at all times to the battalion and regimental political commissioners.
23. In battle, the political director will utilize all available methods such as pep talks, slogans, leaflets to raise the moral of the troops. He will also be responsible for prisoners of war.
24. In battle, the political director will be at the front lines and must show bravery and courage. He must obey all military orders and be a fine example to the troops. Conditions of the battle will decide where he should be, but he will never be behind the company's lines.
25. When the political director is wounded or killed, the secretary of the party branch will assume his duties until such time as another political director is appointed from above.
26. The authority to appoint and dismiss the political director of the company is with the political commissioner of the brigade or political organizations equivalent to the brigade political committee.
27. In the company, there will be one political director, and one cultural education staff member or one political teacher to assist the political director.

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